of the State police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries.

Coastal Police Stations in Andhra Pradesh

149. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coastal police stations approved for the State of Andhra Pradesh to stop smuggling of explosives, infiltration etc., through coasts;

(b) the details of coastal police stations working as of now in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) how the Coast Guard is coordinating and imparting training to personnel of coastal police;

(d) whether it is also true that Rs. 330 crores has been allocated for coastal police; and

(e) if so, the share of Andhra Pradesh and utilization thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Six coastal Police Stations (CPSs) have been approved under the Coastal Security Scheme for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that all the six Police Stations are operational.

(c) The Coast Guard does the coordination and all Technical advice are provided by them. Coast Guard also organizes a 4-week training programme for the Coastal Police personnel. A part of the training is conducted on-board in Coast Guard vessels.

(d) and (e) The total Capital Outlay for the Scheme for whole country including 9 States and 4 UTs is approved as Rs. 400 crores. It is for construction of CPSs, outposts, check posts, barracks, etc. and for purchase of vessels, jeeps and bikes. Rs. 151 crore for recurring expenditure on fuel, maintenance and repair of vessels, and training of personnel.

The approved capital outlay for the State of Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 3267 lakhs, out of which an amount of Rs. 74.10 lakhs has been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2005-06 and Rs. 130.80 lakhs during 2006-07.

ID cards to citizens

150. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is launching any project for issuing ID cards to citizens of India;

(b) whether this gigantic task would be completed before next general election; and

(c) if so, whether this specialized task will be got done through Government organizations or through professional bodies to ensure that accurate details of the person and his photograph etc. are incorporated correctly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The Government proposes to issue Multi-purpose National Identity (Smart)

Card (MNIC) to the citizens in the country. The project envisages providing unique National Identity Number (NIN) to each person in the National Population Register. However, keeping in view the complexities involved both in the processes and technology, a pilot project has been under implementation on an experimental basis covering a population of 30.95 lakhs in the selected areas in 12 States and 1 Union Territory. Under the pilot project, identity (Smart) cards are being issued to the citizens of age 18 years and above.

The production and distribution of identity cards has been undertaken through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). This was to be completed by July, 2007. But due to time taken in sourcing of raw materials and stabilization of rejects during personalisation, this has taken time and will be completed by March, 2008.

It is proposed to decide on the implementation of the scheme in the entire country in the light of the experiences gained and lessons learnt from the pilot project.

Representations from Kerala not to deport Pakistani citizens

151. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many representations from Kerala, not to deport Pakistani citizens who are staying with their relatives for quite long time;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to allow the above Pakistanis to stay with their relatives;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the competent authority would take a sympathetic view on the above representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) A number of persons from Kerala who had gone to Pakistan after the partition returned back to India at different points of time on Pakistani Passports in order to join their family members. Cases have been filed individually in the Courts in Kerala for determination of their nationality status for grant of Indian citizenship u/s 9(2) of Indian Citizenship Act, 1955 and in most of such cases stay has been obtained from High Court of Kerala against their deportation. In the meantime the matter was considered by the Government and orders were issued on 01/11/2000 which were modified *vide* order dated 31/8/2005 regarding grant of Long Term Visa (LTV) to such Pak nationals who re-entered Kerala at different points of time subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions so as to enable them to apply for Indian Citizenship as per rules.

Attack on North Indians in Mumbai

152. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many North Indians have been attacked and intimidated and their properties damaged in Mumbai by particular groups of people;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and estimated loss of damage of property so far;